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TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2008

#### FOX TO MAKE APPEARANCE

Vicente Fox, former Mexican president, speaks as part of the Landon Lecture Series.

3:30 p.m. @ McCain Auditorium



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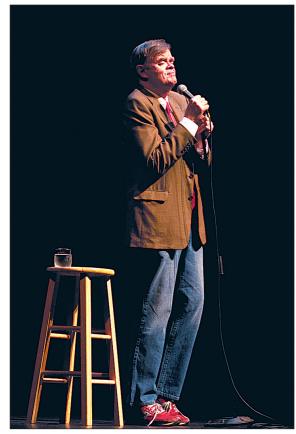
## Comedic companion

NPR's Keillor entertains audience with songs and stories at McCain



Photos by Lisle Alderton | COLLEGIAN

**Garrison Keillor,** host of the popular National Public Radio program "A Prairie Home Companion," gave a spoken-word performance at McCain Auditorium Monday evening. The well-known author had a large crowd for his appearance.



Humorist **Garrison Keillor** enjoys the crowd's response to his performance Monday night.

**By Tyler Sharp** KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

A single light shone on the stage, illuminating a lone wooden stool, a glass of water and a microphone. On this night, the microphone would feature a legendary voice of North American radio: Garrison Keillor.

Keillor, host of two public radio shows and a best-selling author and satirist, entertained a near-capacity crowd at McCain Auditorium Monday night, recounting stories from Lake Wobegon, the imaginary setting of Keillor's "A Prairie Home Companion," and from Keillor's youth.

Mixing songs, sonnets, poetry and vignettes, Keillor kept the audience entertained. He began the show in song, singing about his radio career, beautiful women and many other topics. He noted that while he had many critics, alcohol and cigarettes usually took them away.

The common theme throughout Keillor's monologue was language and stories.

"My people loved language, they loved words," he reminded the crowd multiple times.

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Keillor also drew numerous connections between his stories and the city of Manhattan and state of Kansas. When telling the story of a girl named Francine, he told the audience

that she was from Manhattan and the night "[gave him] hope she might be here."

Lake Wobegon was captured in many different ways with stories of Keillor's "relatives." The story of Aunt Evelyn, "a good Lutheran lady," included the details of her symbolic liberation following the death of Uncle Jack. Tales of journeys to Reno, Nev., and Branson, Mo., with her new lover Raul and a story about her failed burial in a bowling ball in Lake Wobegon were told amidst laughter from the audience.

The humorous story of a 4th of July complete with a Betsy Ross blanket toss, Minutemen, a FFA Precision pitchfork drill team and a "fetching" Statue of Liberty captured the festive nature of the small Minnesota town. Adam Works, senior in construction science and management, said he felt like Keillor was trying to connect the show with the younger members of the audience.

"I feel like he was trying to connect with the college kids, but it was a show aimed at the older audience," he said. "It was a show filled with a humorous parody of Midwestern life and wonderful singing."

Trips to school and of Minnesota life even drew laughter from the

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#### POLICE BEAT

# Con artist arrested; firearms stolen

**By Eric Davis**KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

#### POLICE ARREST KNOWN SCAM ARTIST

Police have arrested a well-known con artist in the Manhattan area, said Lt. Kurt Moldrup of the Riley County Police Department.

James Morgan Finlayson was arrested Monday on charges of theft by deception. He has been documented conning churches as long ago as 2006.

Finlayson goes from town to town continually preying on churches and religious organizations, Muldrup said.

He often tells people involved with churches or ministries that he is in town for a surgery on his foot, which is partially amputated, according to an article at *Cherokeega.com*, a news Web site for Cherokee County, Georgia.

Moldrup received a tip that Finlayson was in town, had already made contact with churches and received cash and a hotel room.

Finlayson was arrested after he allegedly received \$15 in cash to buy dinner.

#### MAN CHARGED WITH KIDNAPPING, ROBBERY, SEXUAL BATTERY

A Junction City man was arrested Saturday in connection with kidnapping and aggravated robbery, according to a release from the Riley County Police Department.

Ollie Brown, Jr. was arrested after the RCPD issued a warrant for his arrest more than a month

The investigation began after a 38-year-old woman claimed he robbed her at gunpoint in the parking lot of Manhattan Town Center.

Brown then forced the woman to drive to a bank to withdraw money.

On the way to the bank, Brown allegedly touched the woman "inappropriately," Moldrup said.

The woman was able to jump from the car and get away, but Brown continued driving the car.

Brown is charged with kidnapping, aggravated battery and aggravated sexual battery.

Total loss from the robbery was \$43,422 and Brown is being held on \$85,000 bond.

#### \$25,000 IN ELECTRONICS, FIREARMS STOLEN

More than \$25,000 worth of items were stolen Friday from a house, according to a Riley County Police Department report.

Harry Brelsford called police to report that his residence had been broken into and many items, including electronics and firearms, were missing.

The items reportedly stolen included an HP laptop, an Averatec computer, an Xbox 360 with one controller, a PlayStation 3 game console with four controllers, a PlayStation 3 control charging bay, a PlayStation 2 console with one controller, four rifles and more than 1,000 DVDs and CDs.

## U.S. Army Veterinary Corps focuses on food safety



Photo by Matt Binter | COLLEGIAN

**Dr. Rex Brennan**, retired Air Force Colonel, teaches the United States Army Veterinary Corps about public health and safety in regards to meat quality at its district training Monday afternoon in Trotter Hall.

**By Sarah Rajewski** KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

When Rex Brennan was stationed in Europe with the U.S. Air Force, groups that were sent to Africa routinely lost 40-70 percent of people to food-borne illness.

Brennan, a K-State graduate who was a veterinarian in the Air Force, could see the importance improved food procedures would have on the missions, especially with meat safety.

On Monday, Brennan was the instructor of a course on meat science for the U.S. Army Veterinary Corps, as part of the activities for a

day of continuing education.

The lecture was held in Trotter Hall and included members of the corps from Kansas, Oklahoma, Nebraska and Missouri, said Maj. Chuck Dodd, graduate student in food science, who helped coordinate the day.

The corps is divided into veterinarians, food safety specialists and animal technicians

and provides veterinary services to the Department of Defense.

"[The corps is] trying to ensure the safety [of food], and it goes way beyond inspections," Dodd said.

Brennan was asked to speak after he gave an earlier talk at Fort Riley that impressed listeners. The objectives of his presentation, he said, were to discuss the importance of a viable food safety and security program, target the most important food safety and contract compliance issues when performing an inspection and then perform an actual inspection of costly packaged beef.

Brennan sees food safety as the most important part of his lecture.

"The primary reason is for the food safe-

ty part, because meat routinely carries foodborne agents that can be detrimental," Brennan said.

> As Brennan spoke, he emphasized his See FOOD, Page 10

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#### THE BLOTTER

ARRESTS IN RILEY COUNTY

#### **SATURDAY**

Jose Luis Nunez-Luna, 730 Allen Road, Lot 25, was arrested at 10:20 a.m. for probation violation. Bond was set at \$500.

**FRIDAY** 

Nicholas Ward Moreland, Salina, was arrested at 11:24 a.m. for failure to appear. Bond was set at \$500. Alex Ortiz, 3000 Tuttle Creek Blvd., Lot 201, was arrested at 2:45 p.m. for failure to appear. Bond was set at \$3,000. **Virginia Rose Mitchell Wynn**, 1415

Flint Hills Place, Apt. 1102, was arrested at 4 p.m. for probation violation. Bond was set at \$2,250. Anthony Orion Jones, 4884 Tall Grass, was arrested at 4:30 p.m. for theft and

making false information. Bond was set at \$1,500. Clarence Gazzare Burgin, 512 Stone

Drive, No. 3105, was arrested at 5:40 p.m. for unlawful acts relating to possession of depressants, stimulants or hallucinogenic drugs or other substances. Bond was set at \$1,500. Terry Lee Williams, Jr., Ogden, Kan.,

was arrested at 5:40 p.m. for unlawful acts relating to possession of depressants. stimulants or hallucinogenic drugs or other substances. Bond was set at \$500. James Wesley Stewart, Junction City. was arrested at 7:25 p.m. for obtaining a prescription-only drug by fraudulent means. Bond was set at \$1,500. Francis Kalomo Geiger, 4440 Tuttle Creek Blvd., Lot 4, was arrested at 8 p.m. for battery. Bond was set at \$500. Juan Carlos Varela-Reyes, 1704 Fair Lane, was arrested at 9:15 p.m. for batterv. Bond was set at \$500

Martiza Zulema Vazquez, 3000 Tuttle Creek Blvd., Lot 201, was arrested at 9:29 p.m. for failure to appear. Bond was set at \$1,000. Reynaldo Lee Sanchez, Fort Riley,

was arrested at 9:49 p.m. for aggravated assault. Bond was set at \$2,000.

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Samuel Lewis Wilcox, 1500 McCain Lane, was arrested at 12:17 a.m. for purchase or consumption of alcoholic beverage by a minor and driving under the influence. Bond was set at \$750. Karl Sydney Childs, 527 Yuma St., was arrested at 1:35 a.m. for battery. Bond was set at \$3,000.

William Keith Dillon, 2301 Wildwood Lane, was arrested at 2:13 a.m. for driving under the influence. Bond was set at \$750

Amin Arbi Hafsi, 1300 Marlatt Ave., No. 502, was arrested at 7:45 a.m. for aggravated assault and battery. Bond was set at \$2,500.

Freddie Lushane Stevens Lewis, Junction City, was arrested at 9:44 a.m. for obstruction of the legal process. Bond was set at \$500.

Mark Nicholas Rickenbaker, 1704 Fair Lane, Lot 14, was arrested at 2:45 p.m. for battery against a law enforcement officer, obstruction of the legal process and probation violation. Bond was set at \$2,000.

Christopher Michael Vandermark 1209 N. 11th St., Apt. B, was arrested at 5 p.m. for probation violation. Bond was set at \$1,500.

Ollie Brown, Jr., Junction City, was arrested at 5:30 p.m. for kidnapping, aggravated robbery and aggravated sexual battery. Bond was set at \$85,000. Jamie Lin Yost, 1826 Anderson Ave., Apt. 7, was arrested at 5:40 p.m. for failure to appear. Bond was set at \$50. Patrick Alan Cain, Riley, Kan., was arrested at 5:50 p.m. for driving under the influence. Bond was set at \$500.

Davlyn Ome Andrew McKim, Milford, Kan., was arrested at 8:06 p.m. for battery against a law enforcement officer, aggravated assault of a law enforcement officer and reckless driving. Bond was set

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#### **SUNDAY**

Rebecca Lorraine Farha, 1421 Normandy Place, No. 221, was arrested at 1:48 a.m. for driving under the influence. Bond was set at \$750. Danna Ashley Davidson, 2420 Greenbriar Drive, Apt. B, was arrested at 1:50 a.m. for disorderly conduct. Bond was set at \$750. Michael Gerard Fournier, 1430

Cambridge Place, No. 8, was arrested at 2:12 a.m. for criminal damage to property and witness or victim intimidation. Bond was set at \$1,500. Rebecca Jean Frechette, Mansfield, Mass., was arrested at 2:45 a.m. for battery. Bond was set at \$500. Alejandro Antonio Leach, 1118 Garden Way, Apt. A, was arrested at 2:50 a.m. for aggravated assault, unlawful acts relating to sale or distribution of depressants, stimulants or hallucinogenic drugs or other substances, and no tax stamp. Bond was set at \$6,000.

Jeremey Robert Frad, 1125 Laramie St., Apt. J, was arrested at 2:59 a.m. for driving under the influence. Bond was set at \$750.

Kyle Matthew Schroeder, Omaha, Neb., was arrested at 3:15 a.m. for use or possession of simulated controlled substances and unlawful acts relating to possession of depressants, stimulants or hallucinogenic drugs or other substances. Bond was set at \$1,500. Brett Patrick Doster, Fort Riley, was arrested at 3:45 a.m. for driving under the influence. Bond was set at \$750. Zachary Dewayne Tilton, 2165 Prairie Glen Place, was arrested at 12:12 p.m. for probation violation. Bond was set at \$1,000. Heather Karen Gibson, 2500 Farm Bureau Road, Lot 115, was arrested

at 1:40 p.m. for theft of services and identity theft. No bond was set.

#### THE PLANNER

**CAMPUS BULLETIN BOARD** 

The Disney College Program will have a presentation at 5 p.m. today in the Flint Hills Room in the K-State Student Union. There will be a second presentation at noon on Wednesday. For more information, visit www. disneycollegeprogram.com.

Intramural entries for miniature golf will be accepted today through Thursday in the administrative office at Peters Recreation Complex. Tournament play will take place Sunday at assigned times. Information sheets and entry forms are available online at http:// recservices.k-state.edu/intramurals/intramuralsactivitesevents.htm or call 785-532-6980.

Interested in being a K-State Student Ambassador? Job descriptions and applications are online at www.k-state.com/studentambassadors. Applications must be submitted online or delivered to the Alumni Center by 5 p.m. Thursday.

Join head football coach Ron Prince and director of the School of Leadership Studies Susan M. Scott for a discussion of modern leadership from noon to 1 p.m. Friday in the K-State Student Union, Room 212. The forum is open to all students, faculty and community

K-State's 80th Family Day will be Saturday. K-State students and their family members are invited to enjoy a full day of activities for all ages. For more information and a full schedule of events, visit www.k-state.edu/familyday.

WildKAT Chase is an annual charity 5K run/ walk through campus sponsored by Kappa Alpha Theta. This year's event will be at 9 a.m. Sunday. Late registration can be done the day of the race from 8 to 8:45 a.m. and costs \$15. All proceeds benefit CASA of Riley County. To register, contact Marissa at mdorau@ksu.edu.

Fort Riley's Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation is sponsoring the Fall Festival Fun Run at 8:30 a.m. on Sunday. The 1.12-mile run will start at the intersection of Sheridan and Forsyth avenues in front of Trooper monument and kick off the day's festivities. There is no cost

#### CORRECTIONS AND CLARIFICATIONS

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## K-State to celebrate Family Day

By Monica Castro KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

K-State has invited family and friends to come to its 80th-annual Family Day on Saturday and Sunday. Several campus organizations have planned activities for the weekend that are suitable for people of all ages.

#### **EVENTS FROM UNION PROGRAM COUNCIL**

Ben Hopper, adviser for the Union Program Council, said the UPC will show "Kung Fu Panda" on Friday,

Saturday and Sunday. On Friday, Hopper said, UPC will sponsor Randy Manning's "Jest Murder Mysteries Dinner Theater," starting at 6 p.m.

"The dinner theater is very interactive. Everyone has a part in the show," he

Georgia Campbell, senior in family studies and human services, said UPC researched this type of event and found it has been a big

'This event is traditionally the night before Family Day so that families will have something to do on Friday," Hopper said.

On Saturday, the UPC will also have a photo station near gate M at Snyder Family Stadium where families can take free pictures for photo postcards.

#### **PARENT AND FAMILY**

**ASSOCIATION EVENTS** Kirsten Regan, intern for New Student Services, said this day is meant to bring K-State students and their families together.

Regan, senior in family studies and human services, also said this event is to make families feel they are a part of the K-State family along with their students.

This year the Parent Family Association is sponsoring "Family Time in Cat Town" in the southeast corner of Snyder Family Stadium. Families can enjoy barbecue and tailgating for the football game against Louisiana-Lafayette. Regan said families must make reservations for this event online at the link provided on the Family Day events page.

#### **CAMPUS EVENTS**

Regan said families can bring young children to Hale Library story station, while students and adults can participate in a recipe tour. The library recipe tour starts on the main floor of Hale. People can go through

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## Speeches, films highlight week of diversity events



Photo by Matt Castro | COLLEGIAN

lan Bautista, president of United Neighborhood Centers of America, spoke Monday evening in Forum Hall of the K-State Student Union about immigration, misperceptions and the American dream. The lecture was part of Community Cultural Harmony Week, which will feature many on-campus diversity events this week.

## City to consider improvements

By Corene Brizendine KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

City Commissioners are scheduled to discuss \$735,000 in improvements to a drainage ditch on K-State property at today's city commission meeting.

Commissioner Bob Strawn said the meeting will be an update on the re-grating of the drainage ditch that extends from U.S. Highway 24/Tuttle Creek Boulevard to Casement Road.

The ditch has eroded over time and dirt, known as silt, has settled into the ditch, causing the water to back up and create flooding during heavy rains, according to the agenda.

The ditch passes by Eisenhower Elementary School, but Strawn said the construction should not affect children at

"The longer plan is to put a bridge across the ditch to provide access to that area [next to the school]," Strawn said.

HWS Consulting Group, Inc. received the contract to design the improvements earlier this year. Steve Hampton, PE, civil design engineer, is scheduled to present the designs to the commission, according

Strawn said other people with interests in the ditch improvement project will attend, including someone from the Armmy Corps of Engineers and a K-State staff

'Generally, if it involves K-State property there is usually a K-State rep there," Strawn said.

The meeting is scheduled to begin at p.m. in the City Commission room in City Hall at 1101 Poyntz Ave. The meeting will also be televised on cable channel

For more information, visit www. ci.manhattan.ks.us and click on "City Commission Agenda."

#### TODAY'S CCHW EVENTS

Media Professionals Day: "Mus-For information, contact Gloria lims in the Media" with Mahnaz Shabbir, president of Shabbir gfreela@ksu.edu. Advisors, Kansas City Press Club Journalist of the Year 2003, Human Union Little Theatre Rights Award, Church Women United 2006. Followed by panel

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discussion

Freeland at 785-532-0721 or 1:30-3:30 p.m., K-State Student

**CCHW Film:** "Children of the Camps" (the internment of Japanese-Americans during WWII) 7 p.m., K-State Student Union





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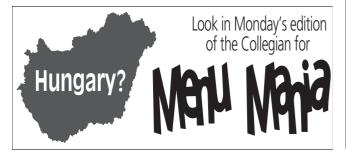
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To the cute girl at the mall Saturday night with the big hole in her jeans and pink cell phone: I work again Wednesday.

Hey, KSU Recycling, I think it's time to empty the recycling bin outside Jardine building 7. It's a little full.

I have showered with the elusive redheaded Irishman.

**To** Katie at the Motion City Soundtrack concert in Lawrence on Saturday: Will you marry me?

**Dear** Fourum, I just wanted to let you know that I completed my conquest.

**To** the boy on the bike that I let go past, but he didn't go: I agree.

To the boy I made out with this weekend: I forgot to mention I was sick.

I'm a dog in a video game.

Hey, I'm really sorry your friend left his date at the bar, but would you mind saving the socializing for the frat and the studying for Hale?

Hey, Pike, if you're missing something, you might want to check your backyard neighbor's front yard.

To the girl who yelled at me in her friend's car outside Arby's Friday night: Shave your mustache, please.

My goal in life is to have my name in

**Hey**, it's me again. Sorry about that. It's inappropriate. I know I shouldn't talk to you like that.

**Turns** out Facebook actually works.

I just got tickled by a giant banana.

Is it bad to blare White Light's music through my phone, seeing as I am White Light?

**And** on the third day, Superman's father took the Kryptonite and circumcised his son.

I didn't think eating cat would be this

Is it a bad thing that girls prefer to ride in back of my trunk?

**How** many times do I have to light my hand on fire for you to get a good picture? 12?

Pants optional.

**Hey**, pedestrians, they give you a huge sidewalk for a reason. Stay out of the bike lane.

**Everyone** who talks to the Fourum like it's a person should be tarred and feathered, shot and thrown into the

My cousin got TSS. I was shocked.

To the girl by Goodnow: Honey, there are better uses for silicone.

To the kid in my calc class with the blue Independence shirt: I hope someday I'm as cool as you think you are.

John Churchill.

I worked out at the Rec today, except I never made it inside. I was too busy trying to find a parking meter that still had minutes.

To the guy playing guitar outside of West: random strums don't count as playing and it's creepy.

To the one girl who is not a cheating whore: I'm the one guy who is not a douche bag. The only problem is the Fourum is anonymous.



Check out kstatecollegian com for the rest of today's Fourum.

## Brain drain

### MTV should feature more real issues



**BANKS** 

I was flipping through the channels the other day when I saw a TV show that set a new standard for awful reality television and MTV.

The TV show glamorizes one of the worst role models in recent years - the one and only Paris Hilton. The show I speak of is Hilton's "My New

The show is about contestants who compete to be the best friend of Hilton, a title no one should want. With the introduction of this show and the airing of other shows like "The Hills," it's obvious that MTV needs a wake-up call.

Let's face it: With as much influence as MTV has on mainstream culture, it should not be focusing its attention on a snobby billionaire heiress and her weak attempts to stay on television, or the petty feuds and drama that occur between Lauren Conrad and her friends.

Because of its ability to sway the youth culture in America, MTV has a responsibility to help get people involved in meaningful issues.

MTV has the power to promote issues people should actually care about. The network could provide more meaningful election coverage to get more young people to vote or it could focus more on humanitarian efforts to help hurricane vic-



Almost anything would be preferable to Hilton's attempts to have people compete to be her new best friend. Sure, the primary goal of any television network is to entertain, but you can entertain and enlighten at the same time.

Granted, MTV has some social activism programs aimed at getting young people involved in issues, like the "Think MTV" campaign or the proconservation ad series "Break the Addiction," which is aimed at finding alternatives

for fossil fuels. However, these programs generally are mentioned only in passing during the closing credits of the network's reality shows and the program's details are con-

fined to the MTV Web site. They definitely need more attention.

MTV has a long history of affecting pop culture trends and dictating which trends dominate mainstream culture.

For example, in the late 1990s MTV drastically reduced its airing of most music videos – namely rock videos - which caused people to create the slogan "rock is dead."

But after receiving criticism from bands and critics alike, the network began airing videos from acts like Korn and Limp Bizkit, leading to a revival of the genre in mainstream

It's time for the network to flex those pop-culture-influencing muscles and make some changes happen. The time has

come to move away from shows like "The Hills" and "My New BFF," to once again change MTV's image and remind its executives of the responsibility they have to the youth of America. But the change has got to start with us, the viewers.

The sooner we start demanding better, smarter programming and show a desire to get involved with big issues, the sooner MTV will take the hint and start helping us make a difference.

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## Consumers pay for worthless rewards



**PHAM** 

Every so often, one is given a gentle reminder of why hucksters, frauds and snake-oil salesmen are able to continue plying their trades, and why the Randians not only claim to be rational in their egoism but also claim to know why and how.

As a human race, we are credulous, impetuous, transparently self-serving, thoroughly forgetful and sometimes all of the

A while back - time and setting withheld, for everyone's protection - I found myself second in a long and impatient line.

The customer in front of me, presumably a middle-aged professional, had just handed over his credit card when the clerk said, "Are you a member of our platinum preferred program?" The customer answered proudly in the affirmative and surrendered this card, too.

"I'm sorry, sir, you're only a gold member, not a platinum one," the clerk then said, without a trace of irony.

"Well, what's the difference?" Humiliation emerged. 'More privileges, in general,"

the clerk said tersely. "How exactly does one enroll for such a program?" Humili-

ation threatened. 'You have to qualify," the ex-

asperated clerk said, more loudly. This was the sounding of dig-

nity's death knell. The customer tried to backpedal, saying, "Well, if only I'd known about it sooner," reddening and glancing at the growing line behind him, almost apologet-

ically. The man's painful wince admitted a dual realization of both embarrassment and an embarrassment about this embarrassment, a pain everyone in line shared and understood but did

not attempt to assuage. His eyes searched the crowd for validation, but no one offered it; this membership – hierarchy business was clearly nothing more than a revenue-raising rack-

et. Everyone knew this. But how many of us knew it only with our own platinum membership cards already secure in our wallets?

After a few silent, awkward moments, the clerk returned the system's result: The aggravated customer did, indeed, qualify.

Relieved, the man upgraded his membership without the slightest hesitation or knowledge of what that actually entailed, collected his sparkling new platinum card and hurried away.

How had the company reduced this presumably distinguished man to such a gullible

After admitting I didn't have a card of any kind, I posed my question to the clerk, who said: "After a certain amount of time, you naturally become more efficient at it. No one wants to be a second-class citizen, especially not when he thinks he's sitting in the middle of first class."

"And is this how you get them not to use their coupons, too?" I said.

"You know, if you're really so concerned, why don't you just go start a customers' union?" said

In 1899, economist Thorstein Veblen published "The Theory of the Leisure Class," a book-length critique of American-style con-

Though economic thought ultimately has moved beyond him, even in modernity his famous concept of "conspicuous consumption" remains a part of the

The expression describes a social phenomenon in which rational consumption habits are undermined deliberately for the purpose of displaying wealth or status and allows for the existence of a "Veblen good," a theoretical entity that contravenes the law of demand. Its demand actually rises alongside its price.

These maneuvers, even when they're performed with hands above the table, still seem like a magic trick. The question is apparently not what we will sacrifice in the name of peer pressure, but rather, what we won't.

Petty sarcasm aside, I still never would dare start a customers' union; I know I can't even count on my own support.

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**TO THE POINT** 

## **Students** should try to attend **lecture**

TO THE POINT is an editorial selected and debated by the editorial board and written after a majority opinion is formed. This is the Collegian's official opinion.

Former President of Mexico Vicente Fox will give a Landon Lecture in McCain Auditorium today. This man dealt with a load of issues as president of Mexico from 2000-06 that regularly affected Americans' lives, including the dramatic increase in immigration during his term.

This is the 152nd Landon Lecture, and most of the 151 previous lecturers were as influential as Fox. The past seven presidents came to speak at K-State at some point in their political career. Few colleges in the country tout such a prestigious lecture se-

Just think what a senior has been able to see: Presidents Bush and Clinton, two secretaries of defense, two foreign presidents and the director of the CIA, among others. Where else are those seniors going to get the opportunity to see this many world leaders for free? The answer, of course, is probably nowhere.

Charles Reagan and the other people at K-State who help organize Landon Lectures try to make it as easy as possible for students to go to the lectures. They moved the lectures to 3:30 in the afternoon instead of the morning so more students could make it and they also advertise almost everywhere on campus.

There are no excuses for students not to make it to these lectures, so get off your couch and go see Vicente Fox's speech whether you like the guy, hate the guy or even don't know anything about him.

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#### KANSAS STATE **COLLEGIAN**

**FASHION WITH SUBSTANCE** 

## Traveling pants



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#### Used clothing often makes its way from U.S. closets to other nations

Salvation Army, Goodwill, a local church thrift store – all these places accept used and unwanted clothing.

But when people drop off plastic sacks overflowing with holey T-shirts and good-as-new jeans at any of these locations, not every article of clothing makes it to the three-for-\$5 rack next to the used furniture section.

As the season changes, students pack away summer tank tops and plaid Bermuda shorts and weed through their closets, setting aside older and ill-fitting clothing to give away. But rather than just donating that favorite high school T-shirt and never looking back, take a moment to consider the worldly travels of your clothes.

Though many are linked to charities or churches, secondhand stores are around to make money just like any other business. With thousands of tons of clothing donated each year – with some garments barely used and others tattered and worn - workers must first sift through the mounds and categorize the clothing by value.

The smallest of these categories includes clothing sold to high-end vintage shops throughout North America, Europe and Japan like Decades, in Los Angeles, or What Comes Around Goes

Around, in New York City.

Though few and far between, such finds can include vintage designer apparel and accessories, rare rock band Tshirts from the 1960s and '70s and even that infamous Walt Disney apparel.

Many Japanese love anything American and they seem to be especially drawn to Disney apparel. In fact, "a perfect-condition Mickey Mouse T-shirt can easily be sold for 10 times the price of a less well-adorned T-shirt" in Japan, according to Pietra Rivoli, author of "The Travels of a T-Shirt in the Global

The next-smallest pile is made up of the clothing in good condition which ends up on the racks at thrift shops. According to ABC News, this is usually less than 10 percent of donations.

Most of the rest of donated clothing is sold to recycling companies, who buy hundreds of millions of dollars' worth of clothing every year from charitable institutions, according to Bernard Brill of the Secondary Recycled Textiles As-

These pieces are then transformed into anything from cleaning cloths to stuffing for automobile seats.

Some clothing is also shipped to Third World nations in 500 to 1,000-

pound bales. These bales are sold by the pound to local entrepreneurs who set up shop along well-worn paths and marketplaces in their cities.

To most Americans, shipping used clothing to some of the poorest countries in the world fills a need, but even well-meaning donations can stir contro-

On one hand, providing used clothing to the continent of Africa provides its natives with the chance to learn entrepreneurial skills and make money for their families. It also allows many Africans to dress relatively well for

However, this practice has been accused of preventing any sort of textile or apparel industry to thrive in countries desperate to develop any industry that would provide jobs for its people.

So, the next time you go to drop off your once-beloved belongings at a local thrift store, keep in mind that a donated pair of jeans can affect politics, economics and social welfare for many people around the world – and don't forget to wash them first.

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#### **TECH NEWS**

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#### **USERS PROTEST, DEFEND FACEBOOK FACE-LIFT**

Any time you tinker with something millions of people use daily, you're going to upset some folks. Remember those redesigned \$20 bills a decade ago – the ones people said looked like Monopoly money?

That might explain why Facebook.com's new makeover is sparking strong opinions – hysteria, even – among the more than 100 million users of the popular socialnetworking site.

More than a week after Facebook began forcibly sending users to its redesigned pages, a backlash is still rippling through the online community.

"The new version is cluttered and there's no continuity to it," said Valerie Stayskal of Addison, Ill. "I don't like the tabs they've got. When you get to the news feed, you see all these fonts, and it's just a mess. Very hard to navi-

"Some of these [changes] iust seem kind of pointless. The reason I joined Facebook is because it was simple and easy. Now they're just making it more complicated, and I really don't like that," said Kyle Aevermann of Gilbert, Ariz., who sent his complaints to CNN in an iReport video. "I just wish they would have kept it how it was."

Facebook's new separates users' personal profiles into different areas of the site and provides more tools meant to make it easier to share information and photos. The changes also shift users' applications to the bottom of their home pages and create more white space – a move some users fear will lead to more ads on the site.

Facebook unveiled the makeover in July and let users decide whether to switch over to the new format or keep using the old one. But that transition period ended almost two weeks ago, when Facebook eliminated the previous version. Users logged on to the site to discover the information on their personal

profiles had been rearranged. "We are just beginning the process of moving people over to the new Facebook and saying goodbye to the old Facebook," wrote Mark Slee, product manager for Facebook, in a September 10 blog post on the site. "We set out to make Facebook simpler, cleaner, more relevant, and easier to control. With your feedback and participation ... we believe we've gotten to the best Facebook yet."



#### **ANDROID:** GOOGLE'S DREAM, **APPLE'S**

**NIGHTMARE?** A new smartphone is debuting on Sept. 23, and, no, it's not just another iPhone clone. The HTC Dream from T-Mobile will be the first handset to run Google's new mobile operating system, Android. While it won't look as sleek as the iPhone, it promises to give mobile-phone users a lot more freedom and

flexibility Many of the Dream's features are under wraps until launch, but based on leaked photos and videos along with screenshots released by Google, we already have a pretty good idea of what to expect. The biggest departure from the iPhone design is the inclusion of a physical keyboard, which apparently slides out from underneath the Dream's touchscreen. The Dream will also allow users to run multiple applications at once and more easily share contacts and data between them. And if reports from developers TIME magazine interviewed prove true, mobile-phone users will finally be able to cut and paste text in e-mails - a function that's frustratingly absent on the iPhone. The Dream will

reportedly cost \$199. -cnn.com

**GREEN LIVING** 

## Campus groups offer eco-friendly involvement



HAMM

Now that your class schedule, homework assignments and freetime activities have congealed into a solid routine, you might be thinking about adding something else into the mix.

Getting involved in an oncampus organization is an excellent way to gain practical leadership experience and be involved in the decision-making process at

Now, more than ever, students are concerned with the environment and they are using student organizations to make a difference on campus and in the community. Interested in helping Manhattan and K-State "go green?" Here is a sampling of some great student groups that are making a difference in a big (and green) way.

#### STUDENTS FOR **ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION**

SEA is a long-standing environmental group on the K-State campus. The primary goals of SEA are to educate K-Staters about local and global environmental issues, inspire an environmentally friendly ethic and worldview and promote grassroots activism to find solutions to our planet's problems. Initiatives include recycling at K-State football games and Wakarusa Music and Camping Festival, promoting an environmental pledge and creating recycled notebooks and other crafts.

Contact SEA President Zack Pistora at zackp@ksu.edu to get involved or check out SEA's Web site at www.ksu.edu/environment.

#### STUDENT SUSTAINABILITY **COALITION**

The SSC is a representative body for students and student organizations that is dedicated to researching, developing, advocating and implementing programs and policies for improving K-State's sustainability. SSC fulfills its purpose through education, planning, advocacy and networking. The group is looking for students to

serve as representatives for different student organizations. If your student organization is interested in sustainability but is unable to commit time to a specific project, you can send a representative of your group to SSC meetings and voice your organization's thoughts on sustainability issues.

Contact SSC President Ryan Dietrich at ryandiet@ksu.edu to get involved.

#### **GREEKS GOING GREEN**

After receiving a national grant to bring a climate change campaign to campus, the K-State greek community launched its Greeks Going Green campaign in partnership with Sunset Zoological Park. Each chapter has committed to 16 of 24 steps to help them go green. The program educates others about environmental issues and inspires behavioral change and action. Events include a children's carnival on Earth Day and an energy competition. If your Greek chapter has not yet signed up, encourage it to do so. Additionally, you can volunteer to serve as your chapter's environmental chair or consider applying to be a member of the new Greeks Going Green Advisory Board, which is forming

this month.

Contact Darcey Ball at darceyb@ksu.edu or Kellen Begnoche at kellenb@ksu.edu to get involved.

#### **SEE GREEN CAMPAIGN**

The Students for the Education and Empowerment of Green Living Campaign was started by Michael Bell, SGA student director of sustainability, to improve sustainability on campus and in the community. The campaign focuses on three areas: recycling, transportation and energy. Each issue will be promoted with a campus/community objective, including events leading up to completion of the objective. The SEE Green Campaign actively is recruiting members to assist with each area as well as with marketing of the program.

Contact Michael Bell at mlbell@ksu.edu to find out how to get involved, or check out SEE Green's Web site at www.seegreencampaign.com.

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#### KANSAS STATE **COLLEGIAN**

**NEWS AND NOTES** 

## Stewart out for Saturday; Snyder to be honored at halftime

#### **NATIONAL EXPOSURE**

K-State announced that ABC will televise the Oct. 4 football game against Texas Tech at 2:30 p.m at Snyder Family Stadium. It will be the Wildcats' second national television appearance of the season.

#### **TOUGH TEST**

The Wildcat defense will be tested once again after allowing more than 300 yards on the ground at Louisville. Louisiana-Lafayette is ranked No. 11 in the country in overall rush offense.

Dual-threat quarterback Mic Desormeaux leads the nation among all quarterbacks with 362 rushing yards. Desormeaux also

has thrown for 551 yards while completing over 63 percent of his

"You hear a lot about the term dual-threat quarterback, and I think of all of the ones I have seen, this one might be the best one," coach

Running back Tyrell Fenroy is the career rushing leader in Ragin' Cajun history. Lafayette is 1-2 and took No. 24 Illinois down to the wire this season, losing 20-17.

"It will be a very big task for us, particularly defensively, in stopping this team," Prince said.

#### **DEPTH CHART NEWS**

Prince said sophomore defen-

sive tackle Gabriel Crews, who was supposed to be healthy for Louisville but did not make the trip, will be back for this game. However, sophomore defensive tackle Xzavier Stewart will not be, and his status remains a mystery.

Nothing has changed on the two-deep chart since the loss to Louisville.

#### **MISSING IN ACTION**

Freshman running back Logan Dold did not see the field against Louisville. Ernie Pierce and Lamark Brown, who are listed on the depth chart as starters at wide receiver, saw limited playing time against Louisville, while Brandon Banks,

Aubrey Quarles and Deon Murphy received the bulk of the snaps

#### WHAT WENT WRONG **IN LOUISVILLE**

"Offensively we put our defense back out on the field with that 240-pound running back too many times," Prince said. "The turnovers that we had in the situations that we put the defense in - I just think it was a situation of too many at bats for the big guy.

"From an athletic standpoint, one of the most disappointing things is that when No. 20 was in the game, we had people to make the tackle in the open field and we

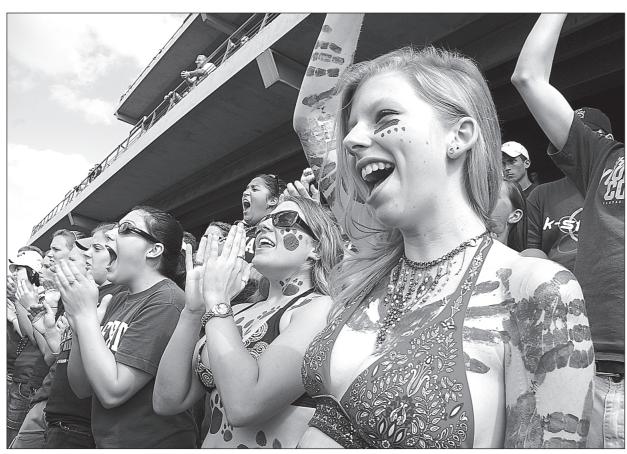


#### **INDUCTION OF LEGENDS**

Former coach Bill Snyder and President Jon Wefald will be inducted into the K-State Hall of Fame Saturday at halftime.

— compiled by Cole Manbeck

## Cheers and beers



Students celebrate in the stands at a K-State game last season. K-State, like most other colleges, does not sell alcohol inside sporting events but does allow advertising of alcohol during games on TV and in the venue.

### Colleges endorse, then shun alcohol at games

In college towns, most Saturdays are very similar during the fall: wake up, go tailgating, go to the football game, go home, sleep often in that order.

Tailgating before, during and after a game is as American as diesel trucks and Milwaukee's Best Ice. It is a ritual that is practiced by so many fans, it has become as important to the experience as booing the opposing

Tailgating is not just an excuse to pound warm beer from dirty, used cups. It is a chance to socialize with peers, meet your parents' important friends and mooch food from your classmates.

However, there is a hypocrisy in college sports that embraces tailgating, while condemning it at the same time.

Fans at Snyder Family Stadium cannot buy beer - or any alcohol - at football games unless they are in a private party - the really good seats. The same is true for basketball games at Bramlage Coliseum.

NCAA rules do not prohibit the sale of such beverages at sporting events, but the practice is not encouraged. Most Big 12 Conference schools do not allow beer sales at games, including Colora-

do, where more than 40 fans were kicked out of a recent game for alcohol-related violations, according to the Rocky Mountain News.

This is a trend that is expected to spread. An argument in support of

such a ban suggests that since many college students and fans are not 21, they should not be around thousands of foaming

Also, some might say beer sales would reflect poorly on institutions of higher learning. These concerns are understandable, but while the beer itself isn't in the stadium, its influence and advertising dollars are easily visible.

Companies like Anheuser-Busch and Coors Brewing Company can buy ad space at college stadiums, but a fan cannot buy the featured product. The confusion doesn't stay in the stadium, either. If a game is televised, networks can sell commercial time to beer companies, especially during the NCAA Basketball Tourna-

According to Rivals.com, on Aug. 8, the NCAA concluded it could not ban beer ads from telecasts, nor could it halt the industry's influence in college ath-

The article mentions a number of high-profile college head coaches who support a gradual ban of beer ads from televised college sporting events. Among those coaches are Memphis men's basketball coach John Calipari and football coaches Bobby Bowden of Florida State, Jim Tressel of Ohio State and Urban Meyer of Florida.

Coaches' salaries, athletic department revenues and advertising royalties are made possible, in part, because of alcohol produc-

Universities allow beer companies to use logos, likenesses and the names of the schools to sell their product, but selling in venues is out of the question. Athletic departments and university administrators should make up their minds whether alcohol helps college programs or destroys the students who support them.

The status quo is ridiculous and hypocritical and the NCAA and its member institutions should decide which combination of college sports and alcohol, if any, is best.

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#### Wildcat men's golf team leads home tournament

By Blake Thorson K-STATE COLLEGIAN

The K-State men's golf team opened its season under conditions it has grown accustomed to: dry, warm and windy. Difficult conditions were the story of the day as the Wildcats opened play Monday in the Jim Colbert Intercollegiate Tournament at Colbert Hills Golf Course.

Despite the wind, coach Tim Norris' K-State squad managed to post a solid team score of 17over 593 to take a nine-shot lead into the final 18 holes. Senior Robert Streb and junior Mitch Gregson led the way for the Wildcats, both carding 4-over par 148s to sit in a tie for fourth place. Streb managed the only under par score of the morning with a 1-under 71 and followed in the afternoon with a 5-over 77. Gregson fired backto-back 2-over 74s.

Next for the consistent Wildcats were juniors Joe Ida and Joe Kinney who both shot 6-over 150s to place them in a tie for eighth place. They were followed by sophomores Ross Geubelle and Jason Schulte, who both finished the day with a 9-over 153 to leave them deadlocked in 15th

As a team, the University of Missouri-Kansas City trails the Wildcats by nine strokes after firing 26-over 602. Wichita State is in third after posting a 36-over-par 612. Missouri State and Western Illinois round out the top five. Defending champion Miami of Ohio struggled to a 49-over 625 to sit in seventh place in the nine-team field.

Norris said he was very pleased with his team's play in the difficult conditions.

"I thought we did a great job of being efficient out there [Monday]," he said. "This is a golf course you have to battle when the wind blows. We have guys that know how to battle when the wind blows like this."

The Wildcats have been blessed – or possibly cursed - with beautiful weather this fall, so Monday's tournament was one of their first real tests against the elements.

"We have had great weather and calm days in practice thus far, so I was really happy with how our guys responded to the difficult conditions," Norris said.

The final round begins at 8:30 a.m. today at Colbert Hills.



Kyle Smell hits a ball at last year's Jim Colbert Intercollegiate Tournament. K-State leads after the first two rounds of this year's tournament.

**CROSS COUNTRY** 

### Ramos helps women take second place in Lincoln

Lincoln, Neb. – Beverly Ramos led the K-State women's cross country team to a

second-place finish Saturday at the Woody Greeno Invitational. Ramos,

junior, continued her winning ways as she crossed the line first for the



**RAMOS** second time this season in as many tries, finishing with a 6K time of 21:02.0. With the victory, Ramos won the Woody

Greeno for the second straight

year and improved her time by 19 seconds from a year ago. The veteran Wildcat was able to capture the lead early and not look back, finishing 30 seconds in front of her closest competitor. Senior Liliani Mendez finished seventh for the 'Cats, while Emily Dittemore, Emilee Morris and Megan-Anne Perrin finished 10th, 16th and 17th, respectively, to round out the top five for K-

"Beverly ran really, really well. She broke the race open early and just kept pouring it on. You can't say enough about her, she dominated. She

wasn't pushed. She did it all on her own and just kept pressing and pressing," said head coach Michael Smith.

The women's team fell just four points short of its second consecutive first-place finish, placing second to host team Nebraska, which won the meet with 49 points. At four kilometers, the Wildcats had five runners in front of the Huskers' four, but a late surge by the fourth and fifth competitors for Nebraska helped the Huskers capture first by four points.

— K-State Sports Information

**EQUESTRIAN** 

#### K-State winless after loss to Georgia

After being defeated on the road at South Carolina on Friday, the K-State equestrian team fought back in hopes of scoring its first victory of the season in Athens, Ga., on Saturday. Instead, the team suffered another tough loss to Georgia, 14-6, which left the team 0-2 overall for the fall season. Both the Western squad and the English squad were

defeated 7-3, while in exhibition rides, K-State lost by a final score of Leading the Wildcats in English competition was Ashley Collett, who defeated Kitt Ritter, 79-76, in Equitation over Fences, earning K-

State's lone MVP honor. Also get-

ting a victory in the Equitation over

Fences category was Leslie Yates, who beat Alex Lieppe, 81-73. The team has more than a week to

prepare for its home opener against Texas A&M on Oct. 3 at Fox Creek Farms, providing practice time one coach said would be well spent.

"We turned in consistent rides again today," said Ashley Foster, Hunter Seat head coach. "While I'm not thrilled with the end result, I am still happy with our riding. We have things to work on before we see Texas A&M. However, it is very refreshing to turn in two days of solid riding to begin the year. I was proud of all of our riders.'

— K-State Sports Information

## Kula Voyage to perform at KatHouse on Wednesday

Whitney Hodgin

KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Kula Voyage, a four-man band with a laid-back feel, has built a reputation for musically sound grooviness around town. The group's partnership with The KatHouse Lounge in Aggieville will lead to a concert there Wednesday at 10 p.m.

Adam Monroe, Kula Voyage's guitarist and vocalist, as well as a 2008 K-State graduate in anthropology, said the band would play about a two-hour set that will include three new songs and covers of similarly mellow songs by Bob Dylan, Bob Marley and Sublime.

Brian Berry, owner of The KatHouse, said that Kula Voyage consistently brings in good crowds.

"It's a fun, energetic band on stage," Berry said. "They cover a lot of bases with their cover songs, too."

Monroe said the band's performance partnership with Berry's establishment offers the group a venue with quality staging

"The KatHouse has some of the best light shows in Aggieville," Monroe said. "They just got new spotlights and they really make a difference."

### Disney recruits students to intern at theme parks in Florida, California

By Amanda Moerlien

KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

A representative from Disney's College Program will lead an informational meeting at 5 p.m. today for those interested in themepark internships.

The meeting will be in Forum Hall in the K-State

Student Union. The Disney College Program offers a different learning experience in a fun environment, according to its Web site. Paid internships are available at Disneyland in Anaheim, Calif. and Walt Disney World near Orlando, Fla.

Any interested students who miss the first meeting can attend a second meeting at noon Wednesday in Forum

Program participants can design a learning curriculum that best suits their individual needs and interests, and in some cases, they can earn college credit by working at the amusement parks. Students of any major are welcome to apply, as there are many internships available.

Students can work in areas like attractions, bell services, custodial work and hospitality. Pay rang-

es from \$6.79 to \$8.14 an hour.

If students are unable to attend one of the meetings, a 40-minute e-presentation is available on the Web site.

After viewing, visitors to the site will be prompted to schedule a phone interview with a Disney representative, according to the Web site.

Additional information is available online at www.wdwcollegeprogram. com or by calling LaToya Farris, assistant director of programs and services at Career and Employment Services, at 785-532-6506.









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### SGA swears in new intern class

By Natalie Crane KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Twenty-five students were sworn in as interns for K-State's Student Governing Association's Senate

Intern program during last Thursday's meeting. Daniel Unruh, intern

coordinator, said 87 applicants were interviewed by a committee, which included Unruh, Peter Boos, the Senate Operations chair and Emily Haug, the Student Senate vice chair.

The goal of the internship program, according to its mission statement, is to instill valuable leadership qualities, bring fresh ideas to SGA and K-State and address issues on campus.

Vincent Adams, freshman in business management, was selected as one of the interns and said he was excited to be sworn in. His public speaking teacher had recommended he apply for the program to get more involved with student govern-

"I think it's a great program," Adams said. He said he wants to get experience in the governing organization and learn about the

senate. He said he hopes to eventually be elected as an actual member of Student Senate.

Interns will attend all senate meetings, serve in committees of their choice and be active participants. They can debate and propose issues or concerns but are not allowed to vote.

Unruh said he has additional goals for this year's group of interns.

"The first is to develop an excitement and fervor for student government at K-State and the realization of [interns'] ability to cause change on our campus," Unruh said.

He also wants the interns to become quality leaders who show knowledge of campus affairs, but above all, he said he wants them to have fun.

SGA President Lydia

Peele said she wants to involve the interns as much as she can. She said the executive branch wants to give the interns experience by having them work on a proj-

Peele said she wants the interns to work with many different people and get to know them on a personal basis.

"When I was an intern, I learned a lot from upperclassmen," she said.

Peele said the interns will provide a fresh perspective on campus needs.

In April, at the end of the program, each intern will have networked with campus leaders and administration, had an inside look at the policies governing campus issues and met new friends, according to the SGA newsletter.

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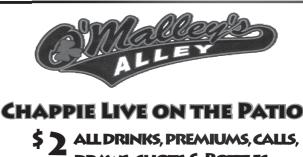
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Brett Eakin, senior in business management, works for the K-State athletic department as an intern and is the regular announcer for Wildcat baseball games. Here, Eakin fills in as an announcer at the volleyball game against Nebraska at Ahearn Field House Wednesday night.

By Rebecca Bush KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

For K-State students, pride in their school comes in a variety of packages. Some yell exuberantly at every sporting event, while others quietly acknowledge that K-Staters have many reasons to be proud other than athletics.

In Brett Eakin, that pride is displayed in the light in his eyes and the lift of his voice as he escorts Big 12 Conference opponents onto Wagner Field with calm impartiality.

Such is the situation for Eakin, senior in business management and one of approximately a dozen undergraduates who work as operations interns for the K-State athletic department and assist with all 16 intercollegiate sports offered through the university.

gamedays find Football Eakin at the stadium six hours before kick-off. After completing field-level duties, including coordinating media and the marching band and helping teams get on and off the field safely, interns remain up to two hours after the game before heading home.

It can make for a long day, but Eakin said he doesn't mind

"I do this to enjoy life and know I'm working for a cause greater than myself," he said. "It's a good day [for the department] if you don't notice me."

At basketball and volleyball games, Eakin might be found escorting the visiting team or assisting with scoreboard operation. The one place where he takes a more noticeable public role is Tointon Family Stadium, where he announces all home Wildcat baseball games.

Though he sometimes has to suppress his purple pride, Eakin said he considers it just part of

"I've never really experienced being a fan a lot," he said. "I have a responsibility of making sure that as I represent K-State that we show good hospitality and welcome our guests. At times, you want to clap and cheer, but we have to put our best professional side forward."

Eakin had the opportunity to put concern for his home team aside this summer when he interned for the NCAA Men's College World Series in Omaha, Neb. As one of just two students selected for a summer-long internship, the self-described "sports freak" said he loved working with the NCAA and College World Series of Omaha, Inc. to help plan and run a major event that is loved by its host community and baseball fans everywhere.

"I arrived right after finals week in May and began helping with planning the last details, Eakin said. "During the tournathe last two weeks of June, we assisted with set-up and tear-down, worked with national anthem singers and color guards and just did all sorts of behind the scenes work that needed to be done.

"Then in July, we evaluated how this year's World Series went and began planning for

next year already."

The internship was particularly significant to someone who not only loves baseball and said a highlight of the experience was meeting Erin Andrews and Karl Ravech from ESPN's "Baseball Tonight," but also hopes to work in intercollegiate athletics as a

"Athletics is where I find my passion," Eakin said. "I can't imagine a better place or atmosphere to work in?

The Rossville, Kan., native is headed to graduate school in business next year, but said he hopes to return to K-State one day. Eakin has been active in numerous campus organizations outside of athletics, including the School of Leadership Studies, Acacia fraternity and Mortar Board Senior Honorary, but he said he will most cherish memories of the people he has met during every fresh opportunity.

"Kansas State really is K-State proud and has an opportunity for everyone," he said. "It's not necessarily about the Powercat but it's about the people around us and the family you create and who's wearing the purple next to you. You can't Wabash

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## Author urges 'vagabond' travel

**By Katie Morford** KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Travel is safer, easier and less expensive than most people think, a travel writer said Monday afternoon during a speech in the K-State Student Union.

Rolf Potts has traveled to 50 different countries and written for several major publications, including The New York Times and National Geographic magazine. He began his presentation by encouraging students to slow down and explore their world.

"The truest source of wealth you have is your time," he said, summarizing his philosophy for travel. "Really get out there and create an amazing life for yourself."

Potts said most people discount trips to exotic destinations as too expensive. However, he contended that the more people associate money with life, the more they convince themselves they cannot have an interesting experiences.

"It does not require a large wad of cash to travel," he said. "It just requires a more deliberate outlook on life."

This outlook is "vagabonding." Vagabonding, as Potts discussed in his speech, is an immersion-oriented travel experience where a traveler takes time to talk with people, uses traditional transportation and welcomes unexpected opportunities.

For example, Potts said, he traveled to Havana, Cuba, to learn salsa dancing and instead discovered that many Havana youth love playing the bagpipes.

"Vagabonding is about time – our only real commodity – and how we choose to spend it," Potts said.

One of his books, "Vagabond," is geared toward would-be travelers.

Potts emphasized that a person does not have to be an experienced or knowledgeable traveler to visit far-away places.

"The more I traveled, the more I learned to travel," he said.

Paween Piyasil, graduate student

in software engineering, attended Potts' speech and said it encouraged him to go backpacking and traveling.

Piyasil said he is thinking seriously about traveling when he has the chance.

"It's a new thing for me to experience," he said. "It's a new perspective."

Potts' lecture was sponsored by the International Coordinating Council, a campus organization that aims to unite people from around the world, according to its Web site. The ICC is different from the International Student Center, which provides services for K-State international students.

Sarinya Sungkatavat, treasurer for ICC and graduate student in business administration, said ICC asked Potts to speak because it is important to travel and become more open-minded.

"It's to open their mind and their heart," she said. "It's a good way to understand people and understand yourself better."

For more information, check out Potts' Web site, *www.rolfpotts.com*, or contact ICC at *intl@ksu.edu*.

### **KEILLOR** | Religion plays role

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predominantly older audience. When discussing trips to school in blizzards, Keillor asked the audience, "Once you start canceling school in Minnesota, where do you stop?"

Many references to religion were also featured, as a majority of the characters from Lake Wobegon were Lutheran. Keillor

was born into a fundamentalist Christian denomination, according to *answers*. *com*. The sect frowned on "worldliness," Keillor said.

"I pay homage to them as I disobey most of what they taught me," he said at Monday's performance.

Keillor closed the show as he began it – in song, crooning, "If I had one more life to live, I

would spend it here in Manhattan, Kan."

Hearing stories from Lake Wobegon in person was a highlight of the evening for Casey Curbow, fifth-year student in architectural engineering.

"It was cool to see him bring the stuff here he has on radio," he said. "It was just really fun and enjoyable."

## FAMILY | Student experiences

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the self-guided tour to pick up recipe cards from the library's cookery collection.

There will be many opportunities this Saturday for parents, siblings and students to learn about K-State history, like the presentation at the K-State Alumni Center.

Families also can get the experience of being a student by taking a campus tour led by a current student.

"Hopefully parents can get a better sense of K-State and what their child is experiencing and get to spend time with their student," Regan said. Bronson Blackwell, freshman in business administration, said he is expecting his family to come for the day.

"[My family] wanted to see how my transition was going and what I was getting involved with at K-State," Blackwell said.

Regan said K-State benefits from parents and families visiting their kids who are going to school here.

"K-State families are an enormous part of what makes K-State special," Regan said. "Parents who come can form a connection with the campus and we hope that we can continue to see them."

## FOOD | Quality vital

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points with various cuts of meat on the table in front of him. He focused on carefully examining various pieces of meat, checking for bones and extraneous materials.

Temperature and shipping procedures are also im-

ortant for meat safety.

"It's really important here, but you have to ask yourself the question – how important is it in Iraq?" Brennan said. "It's very important because it's been through a

lot of shipping."

One example Brennan used to prove his point was an event that happened while he was stationed in the Middle East. He was offered a free steak, but could not tell what kind of meat it was

upon receiving it.

"It's not rocket science, but you should be able to recognize a rib-eye steak," Brennan said.

Brennan decided not to eat that meat and later discovered the meat came from a slaughter house for Bedouin camels. The slaughter house had no federal or state inspection.

Though not all the members of the veterinary corps focus on food safety, Brennan said all teams need to understand food safety because it has a huge effect on troops' health and morale. Meat safety also can ensure that the government is paying for quality cuts.

"It is our job to make sure they're getting their money's worth," he said.



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